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Dear Cathleen,

Here is a suggestion that can reduce disk swapping on Apple II systems equipped with 512K or less of memory, one 3.5-inch disk drive, and one 5.25-inch disk drive.

AppleWorks will sometimes try to access its Program Disk when you load large data base files onto the desktop from a 3.5-inch data disk. You must then remove the data disk from the drive, let AppleWorks read a segment from the Program Disk, and then reinsert the data disk to complete the loading operation.

Here's a trick that can eliminate the disk swapping.

Copy the files SEG.DB and SEG.AW onto a 5.25-inch disk that has the same name as the disk you used to load AppleWorks (usually /APPLEWORKS). Leave that disk in the 5.25-inch disk drive. AppleWorks will find the files it needs during the load process and you will not have to swap disks.

Jack Olson
St. Louis, Missouri

[Ed: If you have 512K or more of memory in your computer, you should configure AppleWorks so all the program modules load into memory upon boot-up. If AppleWorks accesses your Program Disk after it loads the modules, your computer does not have enough memory to store both the program and your data; you should consider getting additional memory.

Remember that you can also use your 5.25-inch disk drive to store your data files. That lets you leave the AppleWorks Program Disk in the 3.5-inch drive. It also eliminates the need for disk swapping when you spell check a document and when you work with large files.]

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Printer Doesn't Page Properly

Dear NAUG:

My ImageWriter II gives me problems printing word processor documents. The first page always prints correctly, then the printer scrolls to the middle of the second page and continues printing. This throws off the alignment of the second and all following pages. The problem does not occur with multiple-page data base or spreadsheet files.

Do you have any idea what causes this problem?

John Nied
Danville, Pennsylvania

[Ed: This problem is usually caused by incorrect interface card or DIP switch settings. Try the following:

1. *Configure AppleWorks so the "Accepts top of page command" on the Printer Setting Menu is set to "No".*
2. *Turn off the "Perforation skip" setting on your printer. Switch 1-5 controls perforation skip on ImageWriter II printers; set that switch to "Open".*

The DIP switches in the ImageWriter II should be set as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Switch 1:	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Down	Up	Up
Switch 2:	Down	Down	Up	Up	Down	Up		

Hopefully these settings will solve your printing problems.]

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How to Use @PMT and @TERM

by Stan Hecker

This is the third in a series of articles that describe how to use the new financial functions in AppleWorks 3.0. The author assumes that you read the previous articles in this series.

Last month, I described how to use AppleWorks' @FV function to determine the future value of a series of known payments. I assumed that you knew how much you could save, the interest rate you would earn, and how long you planned to save.

This month I will describe the @PMT and @TERM functions; two functions that complement the power of @FV. If you know your financial goal and the interest rate, @PMT and @TERM can determine how much and how long you must save to reach that goal. I will also use these functions to help describe "present value" annuities such as bank loans.

Syntax of @PMT

@PMT determines the amount you must save each period to accumulate a specified sum of money or the amount you must pay to repay a loan. The syntax of @PMT statements is:

```
@PMT(rate, term, present value [, future value, type])
```

where "rate" is the interest rate you expect to earn each period, "term" is the number of payment periods, and "present value" is the current value of the account. "Future value" and "type" are optional. "Future value" is the amount of money you want to have at a specific time in the future. "Type" is "Ø" or blank if you will save the money at the end of the each period and "1" if you will save the money at the beginning of each period.

An Example of @PMT

Let's use @PMT to determine how much money you must save to end up with $4,000 for a family vacation you want to take a year and a half from now. Imagine that you already have $1,652 in a 7% money market account which compounds monthly. How much do you need to put into the account each month to end up with $4,000 at the end of 18 months?

Put the cursor on any spreadsheet cell and enter the formula:

```
@PMT(.Ø7/12,1.5*12,-1652,4ØØØ,1)
```

The "rate" in this formula is 7% divided by 12 months; written as .07/12.

The term is 1.5 years, or 18 months. You can enter "18" directly into the spreadsheet or you can type "1.5*12". That keeps the interest rate and the term of the transactions in the same time period.

The present value is $1,652 and is entered as -1652 because it is money out of your pocket.

@PMT and @TERM can determine how much you should save or borrow.

The future value is $4,000, a positive value because it will be money in your pocket when vacation time arrives.

The type designation is 1 because you will make your deposits at the beginning of each month.

When you press the Return key, AppleWorks returns a value of -113.80. Under the conditions stated, you will have to save $113.80 each month to accumulate the $4,000 required for the vacation.

If You Have No Savings

Now imagine that you don't have any money to start your account. How much must you save each month to accumulate the $4,000?

If you guessed that the present value figure changes from -1652 to zero, you are correct. Here is the new formula:

```
@PMT(.Ø7/12,1.5*12,Ø,4ØØØ,1)
```

Note that present value is a required element in this financial function; you must enter a present value, even if it is zero.

When you press the Return Key, AppleWorks will display -210.18, a new, larger amount that you must save each month to pay for a $4,000 vacation a year and a half from now.

@TERM Syntax

The @TERM function computes (a) how long a stream of level payments must continue to reach your savings goal, or (b) how long it will take to repay a loan. The full syntax of @TERM is:

```
@TERM(rate, payment, present value [, future value, type])
```

where "rate" is the expected interest rate per period, "payment" is the amount you will save each period, "present value" is the current amount saved, "future value" is the total amount you want to save, and "type" indicates whether you will put the money aside at the beginning or end of each period. Once again, the "future value" and "type" elements are optional; I will describe formulas that do not use those elements later in this article.

"AppleWorks can answer your loan and savings questions in seconds."

An Example of @TERM

Here is an example of a situation that requires @TERM: Imagine that your teenager is an industrious worker who mows lawns and babysits to earn extra money. Your teen is musically inclined, wants to buy a MIDI music interface for your computer, and can save $22 each week toward the $650 purchase. Also assume that passbook savings accounts pay 6.5%, compounded weekly. How long will your teenager have to save $22 per week to buy the hardware?

As a rough estimate, your pocket calculator tells you that $650 divided by $22 results in just under 30 payments without considering interest. But will the earned interest significantly reduce the time it takes to save the $650?

Let's use the @TERM function to find out. The interest rate is 6.5% annually, compounded weekly. You express this value as a decimal fraction divided by the period: type it as .065/52. That will compute the amount of interest earned each week.

The payment is $22 per week, which is in the same time period as the interest rate. Express the payment as -22 in the @TERM formula; it is money out of your pocket.

The teenager has not yet opened an account, so the present value is zero. The future value is the teen's goal; $650. Enter the "type" element as a "1" because the deposits will be made at the beginning of each week.

The expression in the spreadsheet should look like this:

```
@TERM(.Ø65/52,-22,Ø,65Ø,1)
```

When you press the Return Key, AppleWorks will display "28.995". The weekly interest saves a little less than a week. Your teenager will accumulate the $650 savings in approximately 29 weeks.

Present Value Transactions

The transactions we considered so far are "future value transactions"; transactions where you put money away now for the future. Savings transactions are examples of future value transactions.

Next we turn to "present value transactions". In a present value transaction you get your money now and repay the money over a period of time. Loans are excellent examples of present value transactions. These transactions consist of a starting balance and a steady stream of payments that continue until there is no balance due at the end of the transaction.

The @PMT and @TERM functions can both serve as present value functions: Unless you tell AppleWorks otherwise, both functions assume that the "future value" is zero. Since most bank loans end up paid and thus have a future value of zero, you omit the future value option to solve bank loan and other present value problems.

The "type" element in both functions is also optional. When you set "type" to zero or leave "type" blank, AppleWorks assumes that the payments occur at the end of each remittance period. Setting "type" to 1, as we did in the earlier exam-

ples in this article, specified that the payments occurred at the start of each remittance period.

Since loan payments usually occur at the end of the month, you generally do not use the "type" element in present value calculations.

Answering Loan Questions

Consider this example that uses the @TERM function to determine how long it takes to repay a loan.

Suppose that you want to buy a used trailer for $3,500 and the bank will lend you money at 14.5% interest for up to 48 months. You can afford to repay the loan at the rate of $100 per month. Can you borrow the full amount from the bank and pay it off within 48 months?

The following formula computes the number of months you will need to pay off the loan:

```
@TERM(.145/12,-100,3500)
```

The interest rate in this example is .145 divided by the number of months in a year. The payment is a negative $100 because it will be cash out of your pocket each month. The present value is positive, because it is money the bank will give you now.

If you enter this formula and press the Return Key, AppleWorks displays a value of 45.7724249. It will take almost 46 months to pay off this loan.

Computing the Loan Payment

Now let's use the @PMT function to determine what your payment will be if you take the full 48 months the bank will allow. Here is the formula that solves this problem:

```
@PMT(.145/12,48,3500)
```

In this case, the interest paid is 14.5% per year divided by 12 (the number of months in a year), 48 is the number of payments, and 3500 is the amount of the loan.

When you press the Return Key, AppleWorks calculates the result as "-96.52". Your monthly payment for the 48-month loan is $96.52.

Figure 1: A Consumer Loan Estimation Template

```
File: Loan.Estim          REVIEW/ADD/CHANGE          Escape: Main Menu
                          A                                        B
  1|          CONSUMER LOANS-TERM AND PAYMENT ESTIMATOR
  2|
  3|   (Make entries in column B, to the right, beside arrows.)
  4|
  5|NECESSARY-make an entry on both of the following lines:
  6|  Amount of the Loan------------------------------------>          3500
  7|  Interest Rate, as decimal fraction (11.5% = .115, etc.)->          .145
  8|
  9|OPTIONS-Enter a positive number on one of the following
 10|        lines, please. Set the unknown element to zero.
 11|  Months of the loan-estimated, known, or leave at zero--->           48
 12|  Payment per month-estimated, known, or leave at zero---->            0
 13|
 14|RESULTS-No entries below here; results are shown. NA shows
 15|        as a result for data you have entered above.
 16|  Term of the loan, in months ==========================           NA
 17|  Payment per month ====================================        $96.52
 18|

 B6: (Value, Protect-V)   3500
Type entry or use Ó commands                              Ó-? for Help
```

Small Differences

No matter what your results, your actual bank payment will be slightly different than the amount AppleWorks predicts. Small differences are common and result from the rounding of numbers in complex calculations, different ways of computing interest, and even the day of your call (how is part-month interest handled?). However, if the difference is larger than a few cents per month, you have good reason to request an explanation.

A Consumer Loan Template

Now that you understand the syntax and applications of @PMT and @TERM, let's examine two templates that use these functions.

The loan analysis template in *Figure 1* computes how long it will take to repay a loan, or the amount of your monthly payment. Unlike our earlier examples with a single formula, this template asks you to enter a number of months into cell B11 and does all the calculations necessary to compute each monthly remittance period. The template also accepts and yields "payment per month" as positive values in cells B12 and B17. These changes make the template more intuitive and easier to use.

Despite the apparent complexity of the template, there are only two formulas in *Figure 1*. Cell B16 in *Figure 1* uses the following formula to compute the term (or duration) of the loan:

Figure 2: A Mortgage Loan Payment

```
File: Loan.Estim              REVIEW/ADD/CHANGE              Escape: Main Menu
==============================A=================================B=======
  1|              CONSUMER LOANS-TERM AND PAYMENT ESTIMATOR
  2|
  3|   (Make entries in column B, to the right, beside arrows.)
  4|
  5|NECESSARY-make an entry on both of the following lines:
  6|  Amount of the Loan----------------------------------->        8ØØØØ
  7|  Interest Rate, as decimal fraction (11.5% = .115, etc.)->      .115
  8|
  9|OPTIONS-make an entry on one-not both-of the following
 1Ø|         lines, please. Set the unknown element to zero.
 11|  Months of the loan-estimated, known, or leave at zero--->       36Ø
 12|  Payment per month-estimated, known, or leave at zero---->        Ø
 13|
 14|RESULTS-No entries below here; results are shown. NA shows
 15|         as a result for data you have entered above.
 16|  Term of the loan, in months ============================        NA
 17|  Payment per month ======================================   $792.23
 18|

B11: (Value, Protect-V)   3Ø*12

Type entry or use Ó commands                                  Ó-? for Help
```

```
@IF(B11=Ø,@TERM(B7/12,-B12,B6),@NA)
```

The @TERM function draws the annual interest rate from cell B7 and converts that rate into a monthly figure. The formula converts the payment in cell B12 into a negative number. The value of the loan is drawn by a reference to cell B6.

The @IF function says, "If the term of the loan in cell B11 is zero, the user wants to calculate the term of the loan. In that case, use the term function. If cell B11 contains a value other than zero, the user already knows the term of the loan, so display the letters 'NA'."

The example in *Figure 1* has a known term of 48 months. Thus, cell B11 contains "48"; that activates the "false" branch of the @IF function and the letters "NA" appear in cell B16.

Figuring the Payment of a Loan

Cell B17 in *Figure 1* contains the formula:

```
@IF(B12=Ø,@ABS(@PMT(B7/12,B11,B6)),@NA)
```

The @PMT function in this formula computes the monthly interest rate by dividing the annual interest rate in cell B7 by 12. The formula draws the term of the loan from cell B11 and the amount of the loan from cell B6.

The payment of a loan is an out-of-pocket expense and is usually expressed as a negative number. However, the @ABS function in this formula tells AppleWorks to display the number as a positive value. Thus, by enclosing the @PMT statement within the @ABS function, we tell the template to display the final result as a positive number.

The @IF function says, "If the payment of the loan in cell B12 is zero, the user wants to calculate the payment. However, if cell B12 holds some value other than zero, then the user already knows the payment amount and we will display the letters 'NA'."

A Mortgage Loan

The example in *Figure 2* shows how to use the same template to estimate the principal and interest payment associated with a 30 year, $80,000 mortgage loan at 11.5%. Note that I entered "30*12" into cell B11 in this figure so AppleWorks would compute the total number of monthly payments.

I suggest that you key this template into your computer and try different parameters. For example, what is the impact if you can get a 10.5% loan instead of the 11.5% loan offered by the bank? AppleWorks answers these questions in seconds. *[Ed: NAUG on Disk users will find this template in the /AW.FORUM/TEMPLATES subdirectory.]*

Summary and a Look Ahead

This month we used AppleWorks' @PMT and @TERM functions to examine future value (savings) and present value (loan) transactions. Next month I will describe the @PV function and examine a useful template that demonstrates the combined power of the annuity functions.

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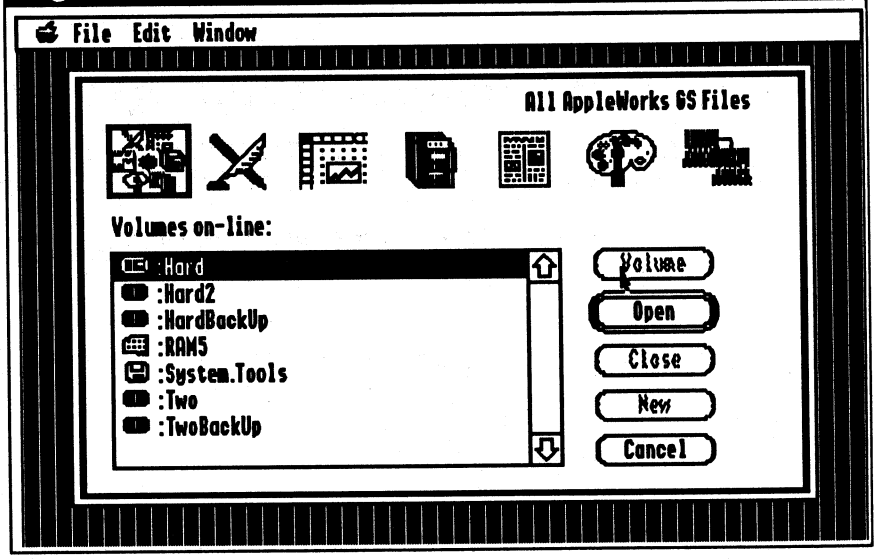
How to Install GS/OS 5.0.3

by John Link

Apple Computer recently released GS/OS 5.0.3, an update to the company's 16-bit operating system for Apple IIGS computers. This article describes some of the new features of version 5.0.3, how to install and update GS/OS on a hard drive, and how to use GS/OS with floppy disks. Members can get GS/OS 5.0.3 from the NAUG Public Domain Library ($12 plus $2 s/h).

GS/OS 5.0.3 offers some significant improvements over earlier versions of the Apple IIGS operating system. Version 5.0.3 includes numerous bug fixes and new features such as an enhanced "volume" command which automatically lists all online volumes in every sixteen bit application you open. (A click on the "Volume" button displays a list of all volumes online; you can open any volume directly from the list and no longer have to cycle through the devices to choose a volume. *Figure 1* shows the effect of this feature in AppleWorks GS.)

Figure 1: The New Volume Display in AWGS



ImageWriter and ImageWriter LQ owners will appreciate version 5.0.3's enhanced drivers for these printers, and the SCSI drivers in version 5.0.3 are totally compatible with the popular Conner hard drive mechanisms.

The newest version of GS/OS also adds new features to the audio compression and expansion tool set (A.C.E) and improves support for AppleTalk, AppleShare, UniDisk 3.5 drives, CD-ROMs, the console display, and ExpressLoad file loading. 5.0.3 also includes version 1.9 of ProDOS and BASIC.SYSTEM 1.4.1.

One of the most significant enhancements to GS/OS 5.0.3 is not obvious to users: This is the first version of GS/OS that will run HyperCard GS.

Be Careful with the Installer

In this article I will describe how to use the GS/OS Installer to install GS/OS 5.0.3 on hard disk and floppy disk drive systems. However, a word of caution before you start: The GS/OS 5.0.3 Installer does not provide adequate warning before deleting files. Both the "Install" and "Remove" buttons act after a single click and do not offer a second chance if you make a mistake. Be certain you know what you want to do before clicking on either of those buttons.

You also have to be careful about using some of the "scripts" (pre-programmed installation routines) available with the Installer. The AppleShare on 3.5 Disk, Aristotle Update, Local Network Startup, Server Network Startup, and Server Quick Logoff scripts remove some important files from the target disk and/or do an inadequate job of updating GS/OS. Make certain that you use these scripts only if you work in a networked environment that requires these GS/OS modules.

Finally, if you have only one 3.5-inch disk drive, you will have to swap disks repeatedly during the

Figure 2: GS/OS 5.0.3 Installer Screen

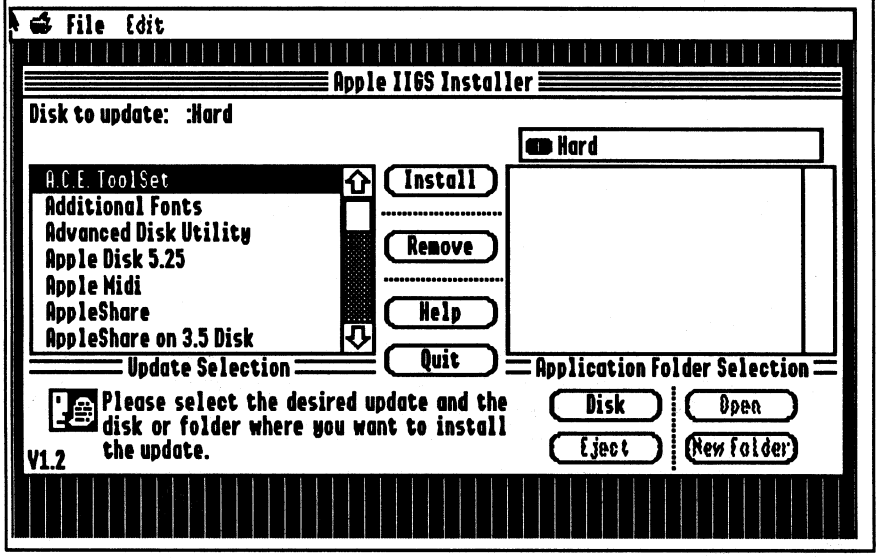
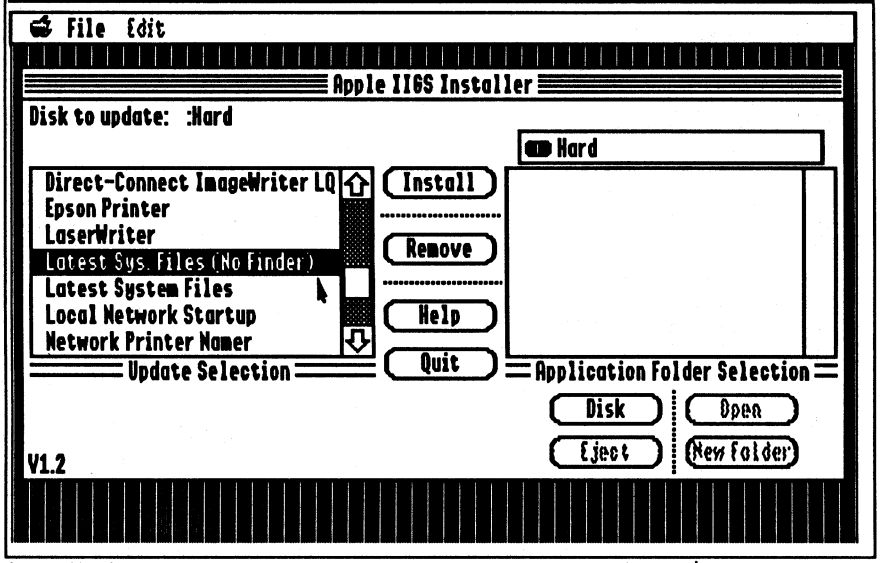


Figure 3: Selecting the Correct Installation Script



installation process. However, screen prompts will guide you and will insure that you insert the correct disk in the drive. Installation is easy, but is more convenient if you have a second drive. Owners of two 3.5-inch drives should insert /SYSTEM.DISK in their primary drive and /SYSTEM.TOOLS in the second drive.

Updating GS/OS to 5.0.3

Owners of IIGS hard drive systems running under GS/OS 5.0 or later should follow these steps to update to 5.0.3:

1. Use any disk utility program except the Finder to determine if you have a file called "FINDER" in the System Folder on your drive. Rename that file "FINDER.2". (The procedures I describe will overwrite any file called "FINDER" in the System Folder.)
2. Boot your computer from the hard drive.
3. Insert the GS/OS 5.0.3 /SYSTEM.TOOLS disk in a drive and launch the Installer, which is in the root directory of the disk.
4. GS/OS will display the screen in *Figure 2*. Click on the "Disk" button if the Installer does not display the name of your boot volume over the right-hand window.
5. Scroll down the display box on the left side of the screen until you see "Latest Sys. Files (No Finder)" (see *Figure 3*) and click on it. (Apple did not update the Finder with version 5.0.3 and you should not replace your current version. This is particularly important if you use a program launcher such as EasyDrive, ProSel, or Wings. Clicking on "Latest System Files" will delete your launcher and replace it with the Finder.)
6. Click on the "Install" button to launch the installation procedure. Do not to click on the "Remove" button; that will remove all the system files from your hard disk without further warning!

You have now installed the system files and the A.C.E., AppleDisk 3.5, AppleDisk 5.25, and Direct Connect ImageWriter drivers and the standard CDevs on your hard disk. Next you must install the new SCSI driver and any other resources you need for your system. Proceed as follows:

1. Scroll to the SCSI Hard Drive choice on the left-hand window and click on that option to select that installer script. Then click on the "Install" button to install the SCSI driver.
2. Repeat step #1 for each of the following devices you have on your system: AppleShare, Apple-

A First Look at HyperCard GS

Apple IIgs developers have always concentrated on writing software that can run on minimally equipped systems. That expands the potential market for their products but constrains the development of powerful applications for the IIgs. HyperCard GS is about to change this situation. After using the beta version of this product, I believe that HyperCard GS may be the most exciting 16-bit program ever released for the IIgs.

HyperCard GS does everything you can do with the Macintosh version of HyperCard, and does it exactly the same way. (While authors will write books specific to HyperCard GS, there is no need to wait. The two products are so similar that you can use the standard HyperCard books to learn HyperCard GS. My favorite is Danny Goodman's *The Complete HyperCard 2.0 Handbook*, but there are many others books from which to choose.) In fact, my examination of a HyperCard GS stack with a block editor suggests that HyperCard and HyperCard GS stacks might be compatible with each other, although I could not test that compatibility in my preliminary examination of the product.

Just as Applesoft opened the Apple II to a large community of users, so will HyperTalk (the scripting language built into HyperCard GS) open the IIgs to an even larger community. HyperTalk is the most English-like of any programming language. There is no need to decipher GOSUB or GOTO structures; the program lets you link scripts to specific buttons on specific cards. If you want to modify the function of a button, its script is there for you to examine and change. The editing tools are built-in and are much more friendly than the rudimentary "editor" supplied with Applesoft. You can get excellent sound effects, create exciting graphic displays, and enhance the functionality of any open stack, all without understanding anything about the IIgs "Toolbox", object oriented programming, or program structure and flow.

There is a cost for all this power. The beta version of the HyperCard GS main system file which loads into memory exceeds 600K, and the total package of system files occupies almost two megabytes of space on a hard disk. A single powerful stack can exceed 500K, and you will no doubt acquire many stacks as you explore the new worlds which HyperCard GS opens. Thus, you cannot run HyperCard GS without expanded memory and a hard disk; you will want at least two megabytes of RAM and a 40-megabyte hard disk or larger. Although an accelerator is not essential, HyperCard GS is memory intensive and benefits greatly from IIgs accelerator products.

The IIgs is not the most powerful hardware platform available today; but neither is the Macintosh. When adequately enhanced, either machine is capable of running complex software which facilitates and enriches the life and work of its owner. HyperCard GS clearly demonstrates that Apple believes a significant number of IIgs owners have either upgraded their systems or will upgrade them to more powerful configurations to use this product. The rest is up to the IIgs community.

—John Link

Talk, AppleTalk ImageWriter/LQ, CD-ROM, Direct Connect ImageWriter LQ, LaserWriter, and UniDisk 3.5 (this is the white 3.5-inch drive used with Apple IIc computers).

If in doubt, install the driver. There is no harm in installing an unnecessary device driver. However, you will experience problems if you do not update a driver which should be updated.

3. Click on the "Quit" button to leave the Installer.
4. Reboot your system. You are now running under GS/OS 5.0.3.
5. If you changed the name of Finder in step #1 above, use your disk utility program to rename that file from "FINDER.2" to "FINDER".

Initial Installation on a Hard Drive

As you would expect, installing version 5.0.3 on a new drive or on a drive not already equipped with GS/OS 5.0 or later is a more complex process. It is complicated by the fact that the GS/OS /SYSTEM.DISK does not include the hard disk driver. Start by following these steps to install the SCSI driver on the /SYSTEM.DISK:

1. Make a copy of the GS/OS /SYSTEM.DISK.
2. Boot your computer with the copy of /SYSTEM.DISK. The computer will warn you that there is a SCSI device online. Ignore the warning and press the Return Key to continue the boot process.
3. Insert the GS/OS 5.0.3 /SYSTEM.TOOLS disk in a drive and launch the Installer, which is in the root directory of the disk. (If you have two 3.5-inch drives, insert /SYSTEM.TOOLS in the second drive. If you have a single drive, follow the prompts to swap disks.)
4. Scroll to "SCSI Hard Disk" in the left hand box and click.

5. Insert the /SYSTEM.DISK in a drive and click on the "Disk" button until /SYSTEM.DISK appears at the top of the right hand box.
6. Click on the "Install" button and respond to any prompts that appear on your screen.

Now that you installed the SCSI driver on your copy of GS/OS, you can install GS/OS on your hard drive. Proceed as follows:

1. Reboot your computer with the updated copy of /SYSTEM.DISK, and launch the Installer from /SYSTEM.TOOLS.
2. Click on the "Disk" button until the boot volume on your hard disk appears above the right-hand window.
3. Scroll to "Latest System Files" in the left-hand window and click once. (This option will install the system files and the Finder as your START file. That will take you to the Finder when you boot your computer. Follow the directions that came with your program launcher if you want to install EasyDrive, ProSel-16, Wings, or another launcher instead of the Finder.)
4. Click on the "Install" button to install the standard system files.
5. Scroll to "SCSI Hard Drive" in the left-hand window. Then click to highlight that choice and press the "Install" button to install that driver.
6. Scroll to "Advanced Disk Utility", click to highlight that choice, and press the "Install" button to install the utilities that let you format and partition your hard drive. *[Ed: Be careful if you ever use these utilities. They can delete all your data from the drive.]*
7. Repeat step #6 for each of the following devices on your system: Apple MIDI interface, AppleShare, AppleTalk, AppleTalk ImageWriter/LQ, Card 6850 MIDI, CD-ROM, Direct Connect ImageWriter LQ, Epson Printer, Laserwriter, Network Printer Namer (if you have an AppleTalk LaserWriter), UniDisk 3.5, and VideoMix.

   Install any device drivers you think you might need; you are better off having an unnecessary driver on your system than missing a driver you need.
8. Click on the "Quit" button to leave the Installer.
9. Reboot your system from the hard disk. You are now using GS/OS 5.0.3.

Installing on a Floppy Disk

Although GS/OS is at its best when run from a hard drive, many IIGS owners run GS/OS successfully from a 3.5-inch floppy drive. Any program that runs under GS/OS 5.0 or later should run under GS/OS 5.0.3, with one important exception: Do not try to install GS/OS on any copy-protected software.

Because each new release of GS/OS requires more disk space than the earlier versions, you may have problems finding enough room for it on older disks. In addition, early software may not be compatible with GS/OS 5.0.3. To confirm that a program runs under GS/OS 5.0.3, boot from the GS/OS 5.0.3 /SYSTEM.DISK into the Finder, and launch the older program. If it runs and prints without problems, it is probably compatible with GS/OS 5.0.3.

There are two ways to use GS/OS with floppy disk systems. One approach is to boot your computer with the GS/OS /SYSTEM.DISK and launch any compatible older program from the Finder. This is usually the easiest solution for owners of two 3.5-inch drives.

GS/OS with One 3.5-inch Drive

Owners of a single 3.5-inch drive who want to use GS/OS 5.0.3 should replace the operating system on each program disk with GS/OS. That will let you use your program disk to boot your computer.

First you must determine if there is enough room on the disk for the GS/OS 5.0.3. Boot your computer with the /SYSTEM.DISK and swap that disk with the /SYSTEM.TOOLS disk. Then launch the Installer and try to install "Latest Sys. Files (No Finder)". The Installer will try to install the system on your disk. If there is not enough room, an error message will tell you how much space you must create before you can install version 5.0.3.

I will describe how to install GS/OS 5.0.3 on AppleWorks GS 1.1 (which is compatible with GS/OS; older versions of AppleWorks GS are not

GS/OS compatible); that will serve as a paradigm for the process to follow to install GS/OS on other program disks. I will assume that you know how to use the Finder.

Follow these steps:

1. Boot from the GS/OS 5.0.3 /SYSTEM.DISK.
2. Insert a copy of /AWGS.SYSTEM and delete /AWGS.SYSTEM/SYSTEM/START by dragging it to the trash. This makes room for the new files you will install.
3. Insert the /SYSTEM.TOOLS disk and launch the Installer.
4. If necessary, reinsert /AWGS.SYSTEM into a drive and click on the "Disk" button until its name appears over the right-hand window on the screen.
5. Select "Latest Sys. Files (No Finder)" from the choices in the left-hand window on the screen and click on the "Install" button. That will install the new system files but will not add the Finder.
6. Click on the "Quit" button to leave the Installer.
7. Drag the following unnecessary files to the trash:

```
/AWGS.SYSTEM/
      ..BASIC.SYSTEM
      ..BASIC.LAUNCHER
/AWGS.SYSTEM/FONTS
      ..COURIER.10
      ..HELVETICA.10
      ..TIMES.10
```

8. Decide whether you want to use the new version 5.0.3 ImageWriter driver or the one furnished by Claris. Then drag *either* of the following files to the trash:

```
/AWGS.SYSTEM/DRIVERS
      ..IMAGEWRITER.CL  (Claris special Image-
                         Writer driver)

      ..IMAGEWRITER     (New Apple ImageWriter
                         driver)
```

9. Now you must delete an additional 41 blocks from the disk to make room for the Finder. You can choose from any of the following, as long as the block count totals 41:

```
/AWGS.SYSTEM/SYSTEM/CDEVS      (Deleting these
      ..ALPHABET       (10)    disables access
      ..DIRECTCONNECT  (11)    via the graphics
      ..GENERAL        ( 8)    Control Panel.
      ..KEYBOARD       (10)    You may still
      ..MODEM          (12)    access all these
      ..MONITOR        (11)    functions from
      ..MOUSE          ( 8)    the text Control
      ..PRINTER        (12)    Panel.)
      ..RAM            (16)
      ..SLOTS          (13)
      ..SOUND          (10)
      ..TIME           (17)
/AWGS.SYSTEM/SYSTEM/SYSTEM.SETUP
      ..TS2            (82)    (Disables boot-
                                ing on ROM 1
                                machines)
      ..TS3            (30)    (Disables boot-
                                ing on ROM 3
                                machines)
```

10. Drag START from /SYSTEM.DISK/SYSTEM to /AWGS.SYSTEM/SYSTEM. This re-establishes the Finder as the program launcher. AppleWorks GS 1.1 is now ready to boot into GS/OS 5.0.3.

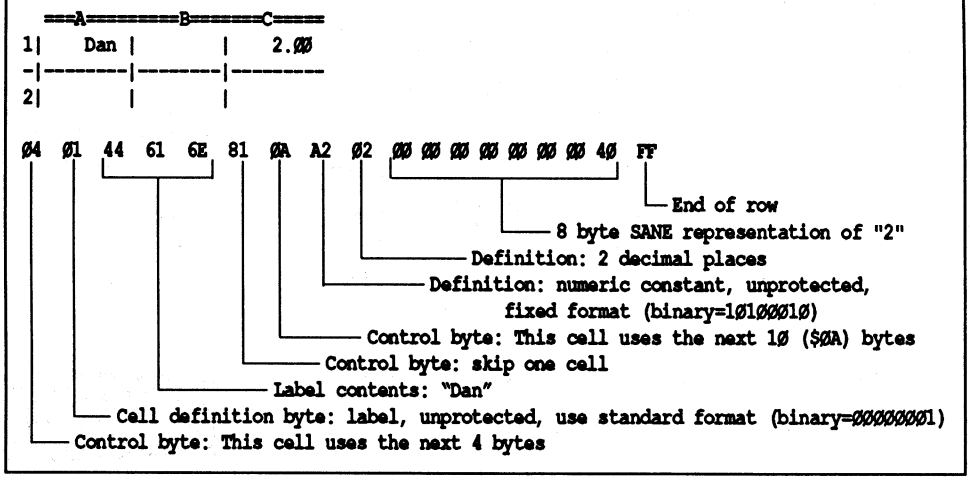
Spreadsheet Data Structure — Part 1

by Dan Verkade

The AppleWorks spreadsheet uses the most complex data structure of all three AppleWorks modules. This is the first of two articles that describe the basics of that structure. The author assumes that you read the articles entitled "Limitations of the AppleWorks Spreadsheet" and "Memory Management" in the October 1987 and August 1990 issues of the ***AppleWorks Forum****.*

Of all the AppleWorks modules, the spreadsheet module does the most magic with your data. AppleWorks' spreadsheet makes it easy to manipulate rows and columns of data, and control the format and contents of individual cells. The program automatically changes all affected cells when you make a change to any other cell.

Figure 1: Sample Spreadsheet Record



A spreadsheet program requires many lines of complex computer code and a concise, well-defined data structure. The efficient data structure allows more room for data, requires fewer instructions to manipulate the data, and speeds up the program's operation.

This is the first of two articles in which I will describe the data structures used by AppleWorks' spreadsheet module. This month I will describe how the AppleWorks spreadsheet module stores labels, values, and formulas and how the program manages cell references. Next month I will describe how AppleWorks arranges its data so you can insert rows and columns, and how it handles recalculations.

The Basics

AppleWorks stores each row of spreadsheet data as a separate record on the desktop. The program then divides each row record into separate cells. For example, a spreadsheet record (row) might look like the example in *Figure 1*.

The data for each cell begins with a control byte which indicates one of three conditions:

1. A value between 1-127 ($Ø1-$7F) indicates the number of bytes used for that cell.
2. A value between 129-254 ($81-$FE) indicates that there are empty cells to skip. Subtract 128 ($8Ø) from this number to determine the number of empty cells.
3. A value of 255 ($FF) indicates that this is the last cell in the row.

Note the implications of the first byte of the data structure:

1. A cell cannot hold more than 127 characters of data.
2. There can be no more than 127 columns in any spreadsheet row.

Following the control byte is the "cell definition byte" that tells AppleWorks about the contents of the cell. The first three bits of this byte indicate

A Quick Lesson in Binary Mathematics

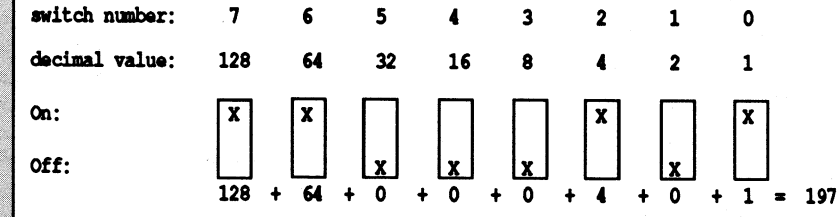
Here are some rules to help you understand the operation of binary mathematics:

1. A single byte can contain any value in the range of Ø - 255.
2. Each byte consists of eight bits.
3. Each bit acts like a switch with two possible states; "on" (a value of "1") or "off" (a "Ø").
4. Each switch is numbered consecutively in order of significance from left to right, starting with seven (left-most) and ending with zero (right-most).
5. If the switch is "off", that bit takes the value of Ø.
6. If the switch is "on", that bit takes on the value of 2 raised to the power of the number of the switch. For example, when switch three is on, the value of that bit will be 2 raised to the 3rd power, or 8.
7. The value of the byte is the sum of the values of the bits. For example, if switches 6, 4, and 2 are on, those bits have the values of 64, 16, and 4, respectively. The other switches are off, and have the value of Ø. The value of the byte is the sum of 64, 16, and 4, or 84.
8. No two combinations of bits generate the same number. Once you know the value of a byte, you can determine the state of each switch in that byte. For example, consider the example of the switch settings in *Figure A*.
9. When you set a switch (bit) on, you add its value (2 raised to the power of its number) to the byte value. When you clear a switch (turn it off), you subtract its value from the byte. For example, consider the switch settings in *Figure A*. If you turn on switch 1, you add 2 to the byte value, and make it 199. Turn that switch off again and the byte value is 197.

If this set of switches represents a cell definition byte, the cell contains a formula without protection that should be displayed as a percent. Thus, every cell with a definition byte value of 197 contains formulas without protection that should be displayed as a percentage.

—Dan Verkade

Figure A: Cell Definition Byte Switch Settings



whether the cell contains a label, a formula, or a number as follows:

```
Bit: 7 6 5   Cell Contents:
     0 0 0   Label
     0 0 1   Repeated label
     1 0 1   Numeric constant
     1 1 0   Formula
     1 1 1   Blank with a value of Ø
```

The next two bits specify the type of protection on the cell.

```
Bit: 4 3   Protection
     0 0   No protection, anything may be typed into
           the cell
     0 1   No numeric constants or formulas may be
           typed into the cell
     1 0   No labels may be typed into this cell
     1 1   Nothing may be typed into this cell
```

Remember that AppleWorks respects these protection bits only when global protection is active.

The last three bits specify the format of the cell. The format depends on whether the cell contains text or a value. AppleWorks ignores these bits if the cell contains a repeated label.

If the cell contains a numeric entry:

```
Bit: 2 1 0   Format:
     0 0 1   Use spreadsheet standard
     0 1 0   Fixed
     0 1 1   Dollars
     1 0 0   Commas
     1 0 1   Percent
     1 1 0   Appropriate
```

If the cell contains text:

```
Bit: 2 1 0   Format:
     0 0 1   Use spreadsheet standard
     0 1 0   Left justify
     0 1 1   Right justify
     1 0 0   Center
```

The cell definition byte is followed by another definition byte whose meaning depends on the type of data in the cell. If the cell is a numeric constant, the first bit is "off" (i.e., equal to zero) and AppleWorks ignores the next four bits. If the cell is a label, this byte contains the first character of text, and the length of the text is indicated by the control byte. If the cell is a repeated label, this byte contains the repeated character.

The first bit is always on if the cell contains a formula. The next four bits indicate the following:

```
Bit: 6  Last evaluation of this formula was @NA.
     5  Last evaluation of this formula was @ERROR.
     4  Cell needs to be recalculated. (AW 2.1 and
        later)
     3  The formula returned a string value, not a
        numeric value. (AW 3.0 only.)
```

The last three bits tell AppleWorks how many decimal places are available for those formats that require it. Note that three bits allow from zero to seven decimal places because there are seven possible combinations of on's and off's when you have three binary "switches".

The bytes after the definition bytes contain data as follows:

Cell Content	Stored Data
Repeated label	No additional data.
Label	The text appears here using as many bytes as necessary to complete the string.
Numeric constant	Contains 8 bytes. AppleWorks uses the Standard Apple Numeric Environment (SANE) to store all spreadsheet numeric values.

Implications

The decision to use SANE for spreadsheet calculations has two ramifications. First, any numeric value, no matter how large or small, requires 11 bytes if standing alone in a cell or 9 bytes if in a formula. Second, although AppleWorks displays numeric values with up to seven decimal places, the program uses the full precision available in all calculations. Thus, the displayed and underlying numbers in calculations often do not match. You can change the precision of the displayed numbers by modifying the cell format. You can also use the @ROUND function to decrease the precision of the underlying calculated number so it matches the displayed value.

AppleWorks calculates and stores all numbers in 8-byte SANE format but displays all numbers in decimal format. The conversion between formats takes time. That is why the spreadsheet scrolls more slowly through a page of numbers than through a page of text.

Formulas

Several different arrangements can occur if the cell contains a formula. First, the bytes following the second definition byte describe the results of the last evaluation of this formula. If the formula evaluates as a number, the next eight bytes contain the number in SANE format. If it evaluates as a string, the next byte is the length of the string and the following bytes contain the data. This data is only as accurate as the last recalculation.

Figure 2: Tokens for Functions and Operators

$C0	@DEG	$D6	@PMT	$EC	<> (not equal to)
$C1	@RAD	$D7	@TERM	$ED	>= (greater than or equal to)
$C2	@PI	$D8	@RATE	$EE	<= (less than or equal to)
$C3	@TRUE	$D9	@ROUND	$EF	= (equals)
$C4	@FALSE	$DA	@OR	$F0	> (greater than)
$C5	@NOT	$DB	@AND	$F1	< (less than)
$C6	@ISBLANK	$DC	@SUM	$F2	, (comma)
$C7	@ISNA	$DD	@AVG	$F3	^ (exponentiation sign)
$C8	@ISERROR	$DE	@CHOOSE	$F4	) (right parenthesis)
$C9	@EXP	$DF	@COUNT	$F5	- (minus)
$CA	@LN	$E0	@ERROR	$F6	+ (plus)
$CB	@LOG	$E1	@IRR	$F7	/ (divide)
$CC	@COS	$E2	@IF	$F8	* (multiply)
$CD	@SIN	$E3	@INT	$F9	((left parenthesis)
$CE	@TAN	$E4	@LOOKUP	$FA	- (unary minus eg., -A3)
$CF	@ACOS	$E5	@MAX	$FB	+ (unary plus eg., +A3)
$D0	@ASIN	$E6	@MIN	$FC	... (dots)
$D1	@ATAN2	$E7	@NA	$FD	Next 8 bytes are SANE numeric
$D2	@ATAN	$E8	@NPV	$FE	Next 3 bytes are column, row reference
$D3	@MOD	$E9	@SQRT	$FF	Next n bytes are a string preceded by length
$D4	@FV	$EA	@ABS		
$D5	@PV	$EB	Not Used		

Next comes the formula itself. AppleWorks stores the formula in "token format", not as it appears on the screen. A token is a one-character replacement for a function or operator inside the formula. For example, the token for @CHOOSE is $DE. Thus, you will find $DE in the memory block that stores a formula containing an @CHOOSE function. Tokens also tell AppleWorks to expect a number, string, or cell reference within a formula.

AppleWorks uses tokens to save memory and to increase the speed of calculations. Tokens eliminate the need for the computer to translate each function and operation from English into "computerese" every time it recalculates the spreadsheet. Instead, AppleWorks translates each operation into tokens when you first enter the formula.

Figure 2 contains the tokens for all the functions and operators.

Figures 3A and *3B* depict sample data from cells containing formulas that yield numeric and non-numeric results.

Figure 3: Cell Forumulas

Figure 3A: Cell Formula that Yields Numeric Results

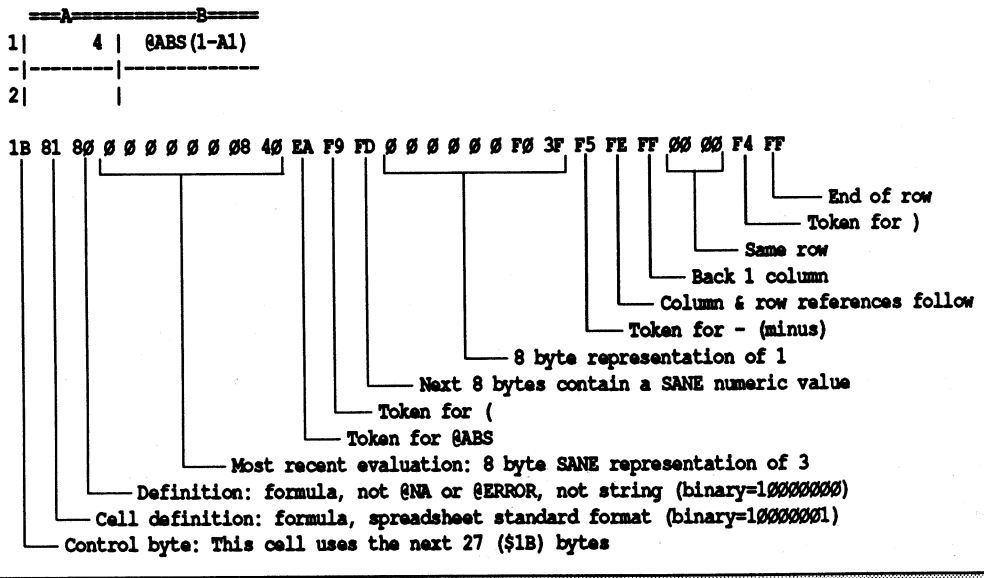
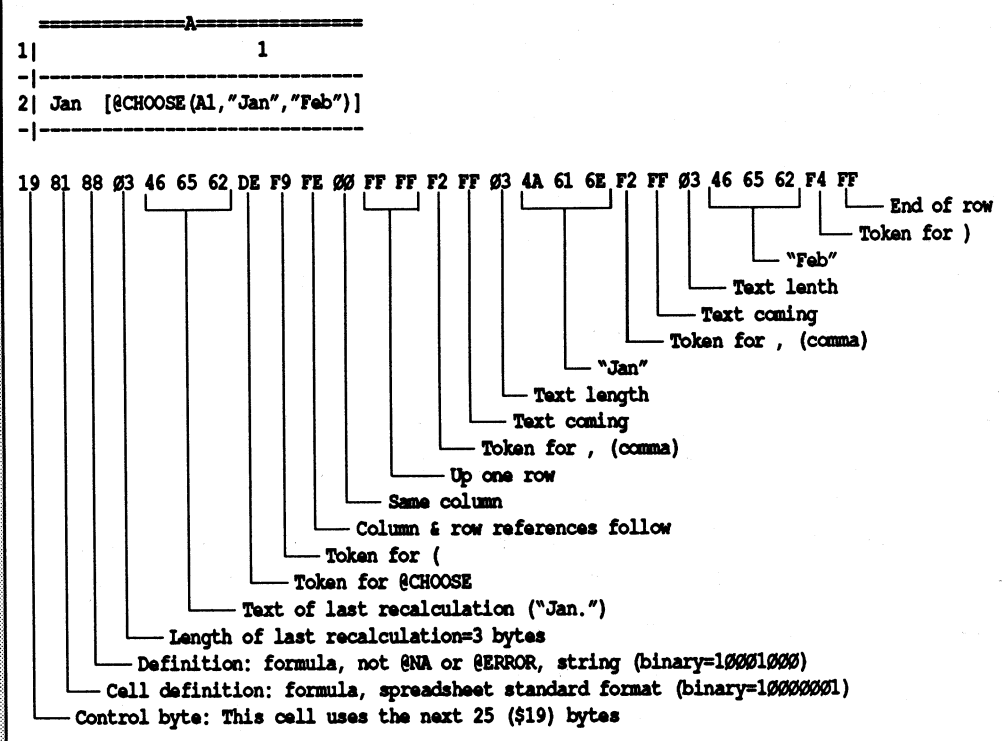


Figure 3B: Cell Formula that Yields Text Results



Relative Cell References

Most users appreciate the spreadsheet's ability to maintain relative references while copying formulas. Upon studying the data structure, you will find that maintaining relative cell references is quite simple.

AppleWorks stores the relationship between every referenced cell and the cell that contains a formula. For example, if a cell contains the formula +B3*2,

AppleWorks does not reference cell B3 directly. Instead, it stores the number of rows and columns between the cell that contains the formula and the referenced cell, cell B3. When you display the formula, AppleWorks determines which cell appears in the formula by calculating the cell that is a specified distance from the current cell. It happens so quickly that it is easy to think that AppleWorks keeps track of every cell by an absolute reference.

Figure 4: Sample Spreadsheet

```
   ===A=======B=======C====
1|  B3*2  |       |
-|--------|-------|---------
2|        |       |
-|--------|-------|---------
3|        |   2   |
```

The formula portion of the contents of cell A1 looks like this in hexadecimal numbers:

```
FB FE Ø1 Ø2 ØØ F8 FD  ØØ ØØ ØØ ØØ ØØ ØØ ØØ 4Ø  FF
```

- FF — end of row
- 40 — 8 byte SANE representation of 2
- 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 — Next 8 bytes contain a SANE numeric value
- FD — Token for multiplication (*)
- 02 00 — Reference 2 rows down
- 01 — Reference 1 column to the right
- FE — Next 3 bytes will be a cell reference
- FB — The first character is a plus sign to indicate a formula

For example, consider the spreadsheet in *Figure 4*. Imagine that you want to copy cell A1 into cells A2 through A6. The cell reference never changes; it always specifies the cell one column to the right and two rows down from the current cell. Thus, AppleWorks simply copies the relationship for each of the new cells that contain the copied formula.

It is interesting to note that AppleWorks does more work when you select "No change" than when you select "Relative". When you select "No change" AppleWorks must change each row or column reference depending on the direction of the copy to keep the relative reference correct.

Making Best Use of the 127 Bytes

I mentioned earlier that a cell can contain no more than 127 bytes. This includes the control byte, the definition bytes, the most recent evaluation, and the formula itself. As a result, it is possible to build text formulas that are so large that AppleWorks cannot display the text in its entirety.

For example, create a spreadsheet with column A 70 characters wide. Then fill row 1 of column A with 70 "X"s. Enter the formula:

```
@CHOOSE(1,A1,A2,A3,A4,A5,A6,A7,A8,A9,A10,A11,A12))
```

in row 18. Notice that AppleWorks displays fewer than 70 "X"s for this formula. Remove the cell references from the formula and you will gain five "X"s for every deleted cell reference. You gain one byte for the comma, one byte for the reference token, one byte for the column reference and two bytes for the row reference.

Conclusion

This month, I described the basic elements of AppleWorks' spreadsheet data structure. Next month I will describe how AppleWorks arranges its data so you can insert rows and columns, and how it handles recalculations. I will also offer suggestions to help you use this information to improve your spreadsheet templates.

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Applied Engineering

Applied Engineering recently introduced the GS-RAM II, a low-cost Apple IIGS memory expansion card that increases system memory by 1-4 megabytes. The board is DMA compatible and comes with Applied's AW3 Expander and diagnostic utility programs. A 1-megabyte GS-RAM II lists for $179; a 2-megabyte card lists for $259; a 4-megabyte board lists for $419.

Applied also announced the availability of an Apple IIGS 3.5-inch floppy disk drive that stores up to 1.6 megabytes of data on a high density disk. The drive, which can read and write on both high density and standard disks, requires an Apple IIGS computer running GS/OS. Suggested retail price is $339.

Owners of Applied 3.5-inch drives can upgrade to the new high density format for $79. Upgrades are factory installed; contact Applied to arrange for the upgrade. *[Applied Engineering, Box 5100, Carrollton, Texas 75011; (214) 241-6060.]*

Beagle Bros

Beagle Bros recently released Outliner 1.2, an update to the company's outlining program that runs within AppleWorks. Outliner 1.2 offers a "Print to the clipboard" option that makes it easy to move outlines into the AppleWorks word processor. These outlines carry tab and margin settings that let you print attractively formatted documents. Version 1.2 also offers improved formatting of multi-line topic headings. Owners of earlier versions of Outliner (including owners of JEM's Outline 3.0) can get updates to version 1.2 from any of **NAUG**'s Beagle Buddies (see page 22 of last month's issue of the ***AppleWorks Forum***).

Beagle also announced the release of TextTools 1.31, a maintenance release of the company's AppleWorks word processor enhancements. TextTools 1.31 fixes problems discovered in MarkMerge and SuperFind shortly after the release of versions 1.2 and 1.3. (TextTools 1.31 includes MarkMerge 1.3 and SuperFind 1.2.)

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FrankSoft Publishing

FrankSoft Publishing Company recently released three sets of AppleWorks spreadsheet templates that help users manage their personal finances.

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Asset Analysis 1.1.1 works with AppleWorks 1.3 and later and requires a 53K desktop. Version 2.1.1, which integrates the different portfolios and reports, requires AppleWorks 3.0 and a 133K desktop.

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Works 2.1 or later and a 40K desktop.

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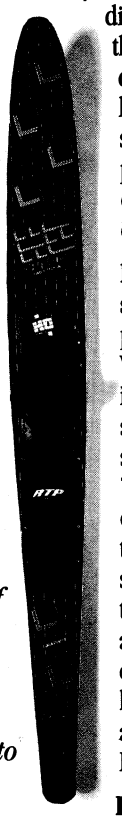

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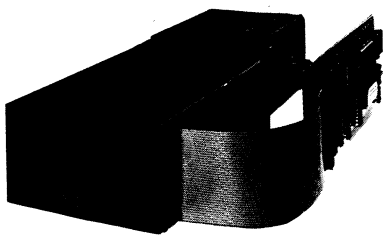

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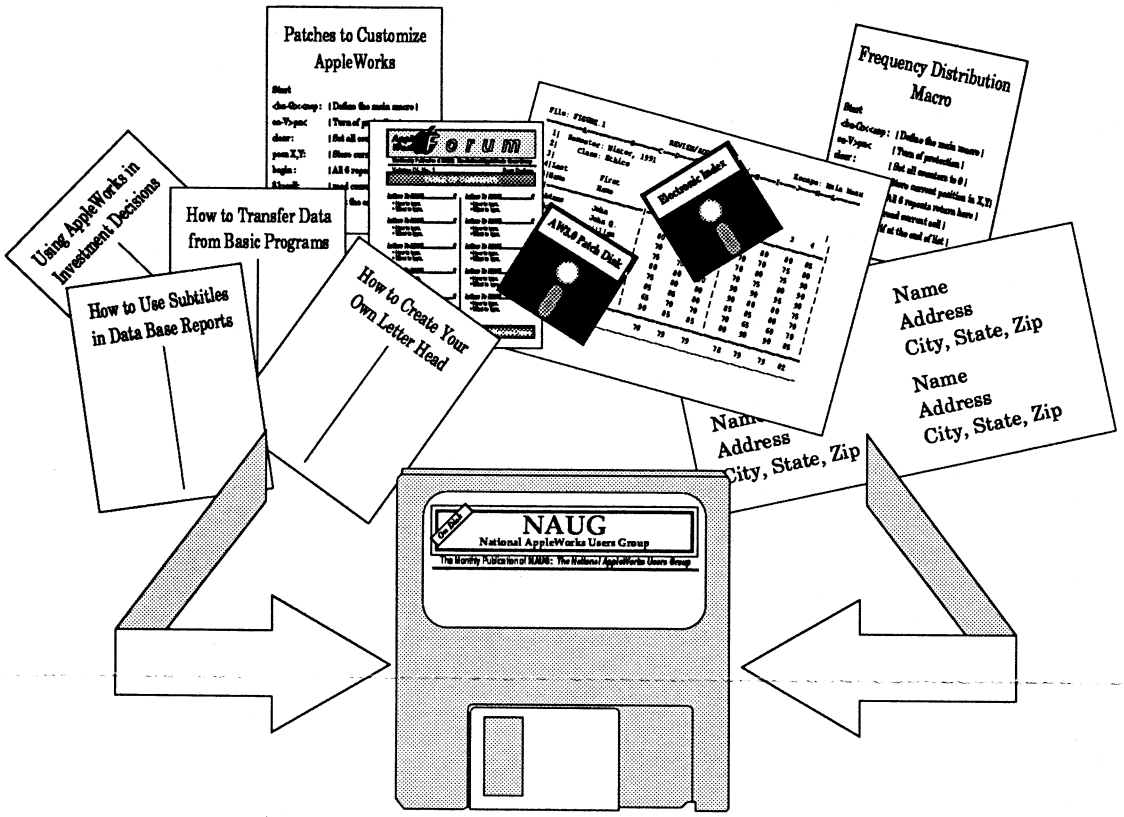

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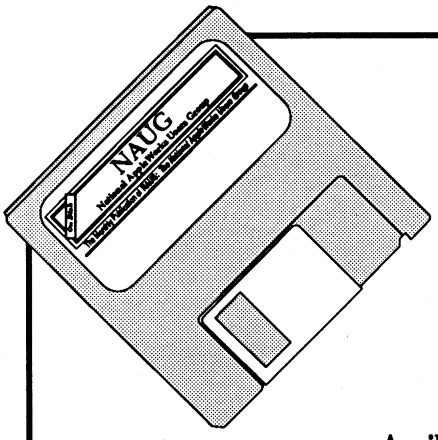

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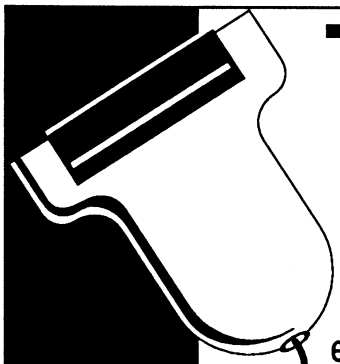

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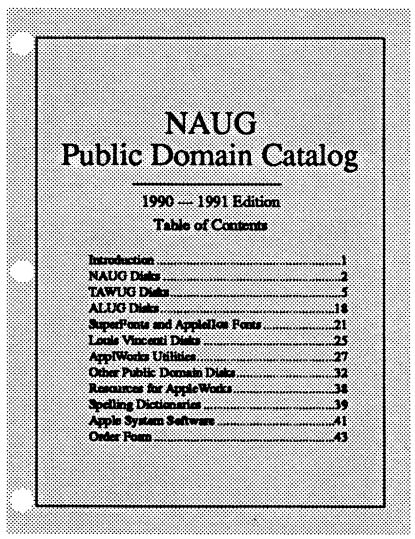

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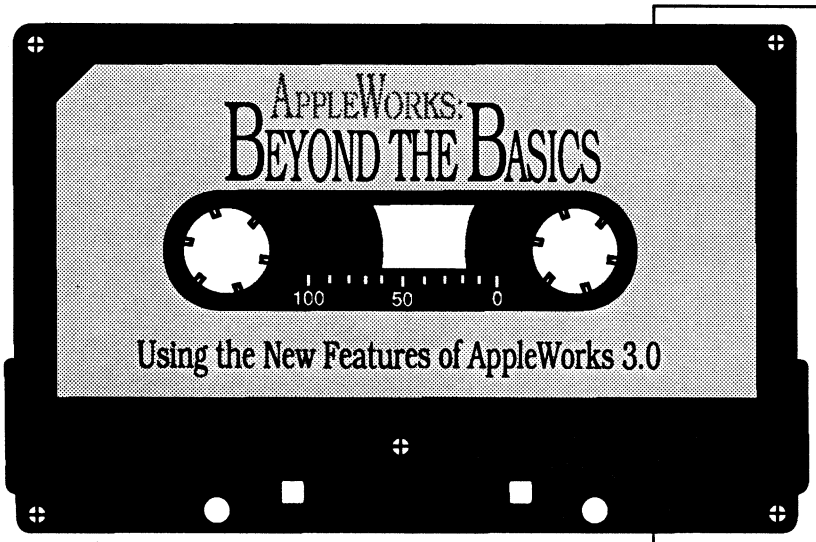

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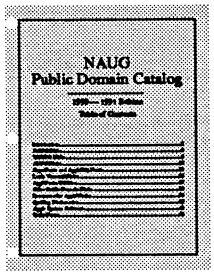

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How to Keep Your Financial Records in AppleWorks – Part 1

by Diana Crawford Diamond

Although most Americans associate the month of April with thoughts of federal and state income taxes, January is the time to plan the best way to keep your tax records. This month, I will describe how to use AppleWorks' data base module to keep track of the checks you write and of your tax-related expenses. Next month I will describe how to use those data to lighten your burden at income tax time. By the end of these two articles you will be able to maintain your personal financial data with AppleWorks.

You might be surprised that I use AppleWorks' data base module for these operations; many users naturally gravitate to the spreadsheet for any operation that involves numbers and money. However, the data base module lets you enter data easily in random order and can generate clear, well organized reports. The data base module also makes it easy to sort your records, find the records you want, and perform the simple arithmetic operations you need.

There are many ways to use AppleWorks to maintain your checkbook and tax records. Some systems are simple; others are more complex. The approach I will describe emulates the system used by most banks. That is, I treat each month's transactions as a separate set of activities with its own beginning and ending balance. That makes it easy to balance your checkbook and identify errors in your records. The disadvantage is that this system requires you to enter more data and generates larger files than other approaches to checkbook management.

Getting Started

Start by creating a new data base file with the categories that appear in *Figure 1*. (Do not enter the numbers 1-30; I put them here to make it easier for you to create the categories.) Accountants may prefer to call categories 5 and 6 "Debit" and "Credit" respectively, which is more accurate but less self-evident to accounting novices.

Figure 1: Data Base Categories

1 Bank	16 Statement Date
2 Date	17 Tax Category
3 Number	18 Code
4 Payee/Source	19 Signed
5 Check Amount	20 Cleared
6 Deposit Amount	21 Invoice/Account#
7 For	22 Note
8 1Item	23 Addressee
9 1Amount	24 Place
10 2Item	25 Street
11 2Amount	26 City
12 3Item	27 State
13 3Amount	28 Zip
14 4Item	29 Phone
15 4Amount	30 Count

Your non-tax related transactions generally use categories 1-7; these categories contain the data you normally enter into your checkbook. When entering data for groceries and other non-tax related expenses, fill out categories 1-7 and then press the Apple-Down-Arrow Key combination to go to the next record.

You use categories 16-22 when you want to enter additional tax-related information about a check. Until you establish consistent tax group names, you can enter anything in the tax category, even "y" for "yes". Later you can use the Apple-R command to review all the records with non-blank tax categories and refine your entries.

The Code category further refines the organization of your tax records. I will describe that category in next month's article.

You are more likely to use categories 1-7 and 16-22 than the other categories on the screen. I suggest that you use the Apple-L command and tell AppleWorks to jump the cursor from left to right and top to bottom on the single record layout screen.

Many users have more than one checking account, and this system accommodates multiple accounts. When you enter a record, type an abbreviation in the Bank category for each different account (e.g., "B" for "Bank", "M" for "Money Market Fund".) Later you will use the Apple-R command to select records for the different accounts so you can balance your checkbooks. Create a "Bank" category even if you have only one account, then use that category to differentiate between check, cash, and credit card transactions.

Categories 8-15 let you manage multiple-source deposits. You can list up to four different sources for each deposit; enter a brief description of each deposit in the appropriate "item" category. You can also use these categories to describe items bought by check or credit card; particularly if you itemize your tax deductions.

The Statement Date entry in category 16 can help you balance your checkbook, remind you of recurring monthly expenses, and locate missing checks. Each transaction record will include the month and year you expect the check to appear on your bank statement. Then you insert the actual statement date after the check clears.

Recurring Expenses

You can also use the Statement Date category to remind you to include any automatic checkbook deductions such as mortgage payments, loan payments, and bank service charges from your bank balance.

At the beginning of the year, enter a record with the name of the payee and the amount of the deduction. Then make 11 copies of the record and enter the date the deduction is made from your account and the month and year the deduction will appear on your statement. For example, your first monthly mortgage payment might be deducted on January 15, 1991 and would appear on your February 1991 statement. These transactions will automatically appear when you balance that month's bank statement.

Optional Categories

The address data in categories 23-28 is useful if you must write or call one of your creditors or clients. I suggest that you enter the names and addresses in the appropriate categories instead of into a separate address file. You can also use these entries to generate labels, envelopes, or checks you mail in window envelopes.

Remember to always create 30 categories for your data base file. Although AppleWorks lets you add categories later, that will destroy all your report and screen formats. By creating 30 categories, you can rename unused categories later and preserve your reports and formats.

Entering Information

Your next step is to use the Apple-V command to enter some standard values. Enter the name of your most frequently used bank in the Bank category, put the month and year you expect to receive your next statement in the Statement Date category, enter the initials of the person who writes the most checks in the Signed category, and type the number "1" in the Count category. AppleWorks will automatically enter these defaults when you insert a new record in your file.

Issue an Apple-I command and enter a record that contains the current balance from each of your checkbooks. Enter "A Begin Balance" in the Payee/Source category to keep the record at the top of every alphabetical list you print. You will correct this balance later in this process.

Now enter the data for all the deposits and checks you wrote since your last bank statement.

Finding Your Current Balance

Next, you will create a report that will help you find your correct current balance in each account. Create a report called "Bank1 balance" that matches the example in *Figure 2*. Set the characters per inch to 17.

With the Report Format on your screen, follow these steps to create a calculated category that will compute your current balance:

1. Put the cursor on the characters to the right of the "Check Amount" category and issue an Apple-K command. Name the category "Totals".
2. Enter the calculation rules as "F-G". That will display positive numbers for all deposits and

Other Ways to Maintain Your Financial Data

There are at least three different sets of AppleWorks templates and programs that can help you maintain your financial data.

Diana Diamond, author of this article, offers Checkbook Plus, a collection of four well-designed templates and more than two dozen reports that can help you write checks, balance your checkbook, and maintain your tax records. Checkbook Plus is a simple system that does not use macros to link together files or commands. The Checkbook Plus disk includes a brief mini-manual and sample data files to help you get started. The templates are compatible with all versions of AppleWorks and do not require TimeOut UltraMacros.

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negative numbers for all checks. Set the format for two decimal places; leave one blank space after the column.

3. Issue an Apple-T command to tell AppleWorks to total this category. A double line will appear under the column.

4. Put the cursor on the Deposits column and issue an Apple-J command to right justify this column. Indicate that you want two decimal places with one blank space after the column.

5. Put the cursor on the Check column and follow the procedures in step #4 to right justify the data in that column.

6. Issue an Apple-R command and enter the following record selection rules:

   Bank equals Bank1 (or whatever you called your first bank account) and Statement Date equals Jan 91 (or the next anticipated statement month and year).

7. Issue an Apple-P command and "print" your report to the screen. Your output should look like the example in *Figure 2*.

Your report will list each entry and present a total that represents your current balance. Use the Space Bar to scroll through a long list of entries. If "####" appears where you expect to see a number, return to the Report Format Menu, put the cursor in the Deposit, Check, or Total column, and use the Apple-Right-Arrow Keys to create additional space to accommodate larger numbers.

If "####" still appears, you may have entered something in the amounts categories that cannot be added. For example, you might have entered the letters "o" or "l" for the numbers "Ø" or "1". Return to Review/Add/Change Mode and use the Apple-R command to search for records that contain the letters "o" or "l" in the Check Amount or Deposit Amount categories. Correct your entries and regenerate the bank balance report.

If you have several bank accounts, you can copy the bank report format while at the Report Menu (select #4, "Duplicate an existing format") and

Figure 2: Sample Bank Balance Report

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Selection:   Bank equals BANK1
  and        Statement Date equals Jan 91

Cleared  Bank  Date       Number Payee/Source       Deposit    Check    Total
-------  ----  ----       ------ -----------       -------    -----    -----
   -     Bank1 Dec 15 90  Bal    A Begin Balance    1000.00             1000.00
   -     Bank1 Dec 15 90  1234   Gourmet Gambit                44.50   -44.50
   -     Bank1 Dec 15 90  Dep    Deposit: Gift        50.00             50.00
   -     Bank1 Dec 17 90  1235   Big Food                      50.50   -50.50
   -     Bank1 Dec 18 90  1236   Quick Fenders                150.00  -150.00
   -     Bank1 Dec 28 90  1237   Kozy Kennel                   63.88   -63.88
   -     Bank1 Dec 29 90  1238   Salvation Army                60.00   -60.00
   -     Bank1 Dec 29 90  Dep    Deposit: Job One    750.00              750.00
                                                                       1431.12*
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Figure 3: Sample Bank Statement Reconciliation

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Selection:   Bank equals BANK1
  and        Statement Date equals Jan 91
  and        Cleared contains x

Cleared  Bank  Date       Number Payee/Source       Deposit    Check    Total
-------  ----  ----       ------ -----------       -------    -----    -----
   x     Bank1 Dec 15 90  Bal    A Begin Balance    1000.00             1000.00
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                                                                          .00*
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change the selection rules to choose the records for each different account.

Reconciling your Checkbook and Statement

Follow these steps to generate the report that appears in *Figure 3* and to reconcile your monthly bank statement:

1. Use the Apple-R command to select all check and deposit records for the bank account that have a statement date equal to the current month.
2. Display the records in multiple record layout mode and enter an "x" in the Cleared category for all transactions that appear on your bank statement.
3. Add records that contain any interest received and fees paid. Mark these transactions cleared.
4. Create a new record and enter the bank's final balance in the "Check Amount" category by typing"Z End Balance" in the Payee/Source category.
5. Issue an Apple-P command and generate the Bank1 Balance Report you created earlier.

The sum at the bottom of the Totals column should read ".00*". Any amount other than zero tells you that your records do not match the bank's; it is time to check your data for discrepancies.

Preparing for the New Month

Now you should prepare your account for next month's statement. Proceed as follows:

1. Arrange the records in A-Z order based on the "Cleared" category. That will put all the uncleared records at the top of the list.
2. Go to the top of the list and change the Statement Date on the first transaction to the following month. Use the Apple-" command to copy this date into the Statement Date on all the uncleared checks.
3. Change the Statement Date on all cleared checks to the actual statement date.
4. Issue an Apple-V command and set the standard value for the Statement Date to the following month.
5. Insert a new record that contains the beginning balance for the month.

Conclusion

You now have an AppleWorks data base file you can use to store your tax and checkbook data and help you reconcile your monthly bank statements. Next month I will describe how to use these data to help you complete your income tax forms.

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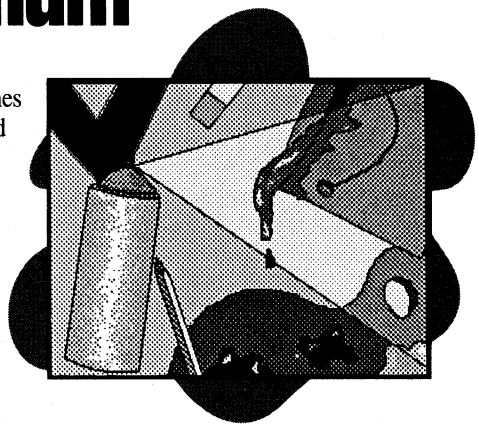

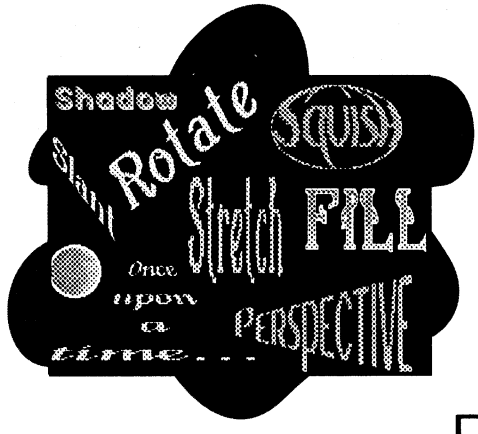

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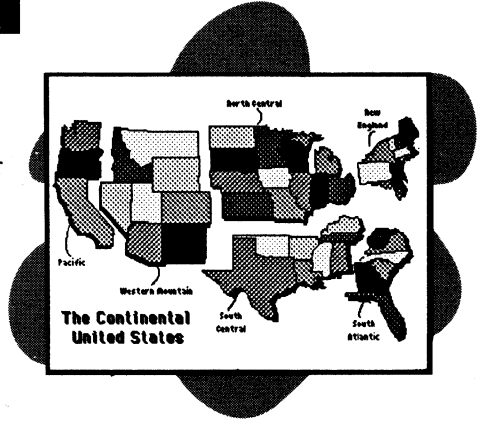

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How to Use BASIC to Create Numbered Records

by David Jones

*Last month's **AppleWorks Forum** described how to use AppleWorks' spreadsheet module to prepare numbered data base records. This month's article describes how to use a BASIC program to accomplish that goal. We hope this article will encourage advanced AppleWorks users to develop other ways to use BASIC and other languages to enhance AppleWorks.*

If you keep track of checks, invoices, or other numbered documents, you need to create numbered data base records in AppleWorks. This article describes how to prepare a BASIC program that creates those records and how to import those records into AppleWorks.

Preparing the Program

Follow these steps to prepare a BASIC program that creates numbered records in a text (ASCII) file:

1. Type the following BASIC program into an AppleWorks word processor file:

```
10 HOME : D$=CHR$(4)
20 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "Enter beginning record number "
25 PRINT
30 INPUT "==> ";B
40 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "Enter ending record number "
45 PRINT
50 INPUT "==> ";E
55 PRINT D$;"DELETE RECORDS"
60 PRINT D$;"OPEN RECORDS"
80 PRINT D$;"WRITE RECORDS"
82 FOR X=B TO E
84 PRINT X
90 NEXT
100 PRINT D$; "CLOSE RECORDS"
110 END
```

2. Check your work carefully for typographical errors.
3. Issue an Apple-P command and "print" the file as an ASCII text file on a disk. If you named your disk "DATA", enter the pathname /DATA/PROGRAM.
4. Quit AppleWorks and launch AppleSoft BASIC. Get the BASIC prompt on the screen. *[Ed: See page 17 of last month's issue of the **AppleWorks Forum** if you do not know how to launch BASIC.]*
5. Enter the command "PREFIX /DATA" (substitute the name you assigned to your disk for "DATA" in this example).
6. Enter the command "-PROGRAM". BASIC will convert the program from a text file into AppleSoft BASIC. *[Ed: The hyphen before "PROGRAM" is the AppleSoft command to run or execute a program.]*
7. Enter the command "SAVE NUMBER". That will save the file as an AppleSoft BASIC program called "NUMBER".

Using the Program

Now follow these steps to use the NUMBER program to produce numbered records:

1. Issue the command "PREFIX /DATA" from within BASIC.
2. The NUMBER program assumes you have a file called RECORDS on your disk. If you have that file on the current disk, skip to step #3. Otherwise, type "LOAD NUMBERS". Then enter "55" and press the Return Key. That deletes the line that looks for the RECORDS file. Then type "RUN" and skip to step #4.

3. Type the command "-NUMBERS". This will create a text file on your disk with the record numbers you specify.
4. Launch AppleWorks and indicate that you want to create a new data base file from a text (ASCII) file. Select "RECORDS" from the list of files in the catalog and press the Return Key to accept "Tabs between categories, Returns between records". AppleWorks will create a new data base file that contains the numbered records. The number will appear in the first category of each record.

Now you will copy these records into your data base file. Continue as follows:

5. Get into multiple record layout and copy all the records to the AppleWorks clipboard.
6. Issue an Apple-Q command and switch to your working data base file. Issue an Apple-C command and copy the numbered records from the clipboard into that file. This will add records that have the numbers you specified in the first category. All the other categories will be blank.

This procedure assumes that you want the numbered record to appear in the first category. If you want the numbers to appear in a different category, use the Apple-N command to insert the appropriate number of blank categories at the beginning of the file before copying the records to the clipboard.

Conclusion

It takes a few minutes to get started with the procedures I described; you must type the record numbering program and convert the program into BASIC. From then on it takes only moments to use the program to create numbered records and transfer those records into your data base file.

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Using UltraMacros' Cell Command

by Steve Beville

Even if you don't write macros, I think you will find useful applications for two under-utilized UltraMacros keyboard commands.

The Cell Command (Open-Apple-Hyphen) copies the contents of the currently highlighted spreadsheet cell, current entry in a data base record, or current line in a word processor document into variable $Ø. You can then use the Solid-Apple-Ø keystroke to type the contents of variable $Ø at the current cursor position. This combination of keystrokes makes it easy to move data from any cell or data base entry to a new location.

For example, proceed as follows if you entered data in the wrong category in a data base file:

1. Put the cursor in the category that contains the data you want to move and press Open-Apple-Hyphen.
2. Move to the category where the data should go, press Open-Apple-Y to clear the incorrect data and then Solid-Apple-Ø. Finally, press the Return Key.

You can also use Open-Apple-Hyphen if you discover that you are entering data into the wrong spreadsheet cell or data base category. Don't press the Escape or Return Key. Instead, proceed as follows:

1. Press Open-Apple-Hyphen to store the information in variable $Ø.
2. Press the Escape Key to restore the cell or category to its previous condition.
3. Move to the correct category and press Solid-Apple-Ø. Complete the entry and press the Return Key.

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Introduction to Functions

by Dan Verkade

This is the seventh in a series of articles that describe how to use TimeOut ReportWriter to enhance the power of AppleWorks. This month's article describes how to use text functions in a report. The author assumes that you read the previous articles in this series.

You can now use ReportWriter to prepare relational reports that include calculated fields. This month, you will learn how to use ReportWriter's built-in functions to enhance your reports.

Function Basics

"Functions" are pre-programmed operations that are difficult or impossible to produce with mathematical operators. For example, it is impossible to use ReportWriter's built-in mathematical operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to determine the square root of a number. Therefore, ReportWriter offers a "square root function" (@SQRT) which can compute the square root of a number.

The syntax of the square root function is:

```
@SQRT(Field)
```

where "Field" contains a number or a reference to a ReportWriter field that contains a number. When you enter @SQRT(Field) in a report definition, ReportWriter will print the square root of the number in the Field category for each record.

The rules for using functions in ReportWriter parallel those used in the AppleWorks spreadsheet. Specifically, functions follow this syntax:

```
@FUNCTION(arguments)
```

where FUNCTION is the name of the function and the arguments consist of one or more field names, numbers, strings, or another function. Some functions require more than one argument separated by commas.

Each function must receive the correct number and type of arguments. If a function yields results that differ from what you expect, you should first check the arguments within the function.

Nested Functions

You can "nest" an unlimited number of functions within other functions as long as the formula does not exceed a maximum length of 127 characters. For example, @SQRT(@SQRT(@SQRT(256))) is a nested function. It says, print the square root of the square root of the square root of 256. ReportWriter would print the number two. (You can confirm that two is the correct result by entering 256 into a calculator and pressing the square root key three times.)

Nested functions operate from the inside out. That is, the inner-most functions operate first; the outer-most functions work last. Thus, you must read nested function formulas from the inside out. Start by determining what the inner-most function does and use the result of that calculation to determine the operation of the next outer function, and so forth.

Text Functions

Text functions manipulate and evaluate strings of text. Some require text arguments, some require numeric arguments, and some require both. The text can be a constant (i.e., text that you build into the formula), the name of a field containing text, or another function returning text.

Here are descriptions of ReportWriter's text functions; I will give examples of their use in a tutorial that follows these descriptions.

@LEN(String): Returns the length of the string within the parentheses. The @LEN function returns a numeric result. To determine the length of the word AppleWorks, enter the formula @LEN("AppleWorks"); the number 10 will appear in the report.

If you have a file with the field "Word" and four records containing the words National, AppleWorks, Users, and Group in the Word field, you could set up the formula @LEN(Word). ReportWriter would return the numbers 8, 10, 5, and 5.

@CAPFRST(String): Capitalizes the first letter of each word in the string of text. If you have book titles in the Title field in a series of records, "The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln" becomes "The Life And Times Of Abraham Lincoln" after being manipulated by @CAPFRST(Title).

@UPPER(String): Changes every letter in the string to upper case. If Title contained "The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln", @UPPER(Title) would return "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN".

@LOWER(String): Changes every letter in the string to lower case.

@LEFT(String,Number): Returns the characters specified at the beginning of the string. For example, @LEFT("Karl Verkade",4) returns "Karl". That lets you get a subset from the beginning of a string and truncate a string.

@RIGHT(String,Number): Returns the specified number of characters from the end of the string. For example, @RIGHT("Heidi Verkade",7) returns "Verkade". There are numerous applications of @RIGHT. For example, you can use @RIGHT to capture the last three characters from an alphanumeric catalog number.

@MIDDLE(String,Number1,Number2): Captures the characters starting Number1 characters from the beginning of String. Number2 tells @MIDDLE how many characters to capture. For example, @MIDDLE("Betsy Warner Verkade",7,6) returns "Warner" (every space also counts as a character). @MIDDLE lets you capture any contiguous subset of characters from a string.

@TEXT(String): Returns the contents of String and is probably the most useless of all the functions. I had a good reason when I wrote it, but I can't remember why! @TEXT("AppleWorks") will return "AppleWorks".

@NUM2TXT(Number1,Number2): Converts a number from a numeric format to a text format. Number1 is the number to convert. Number2 is the number of decimal places to capture. The @NUM2TXT function rounds Number1. If you enter Ø for Number2, ReportWriter captures as many decimal places as necessary (up to 7).

Examples: @NUM2TXT(1.226,2) returns 1.23. @NUM2TXT(1.226,4) returns 1.2260. @NUM2TXT(1.226,0) returns 1.226.

@NUM2TXT lets you include numeric amounts in text messages such as "Please remit your balance of $128.25 before December 15".

@CONCAT(String1, String2, StringN): Builds strings from sets of smaller strings. (Programming languages call this process "string concatenation".) For example, you can use @CONCAT to combine data from three distinct City, State, and ZipCode fields into a single line. In AppleWorks data base labels reports you use the left justify command. With ReportWriter, you enter @CONCAT(City," ",State," ",ZipCode).

@CONCAT gives you more flexibility than AppleWorks' Justify Command. For example, @CONCAT makes it easy to separate the state and Zip Code by two spaces. @CONCAT also lets you combine a date and an amount with a message, like this:

@CONCAT("Your balance due as of ",DueDate," is ",AmountDue," ")

Which would return the line "Your balance due as of Nov 21 90 is $54.65."

@FIND(String1,String2): Finds the occurrence of String1 inside String2 and returns the starting position of String1. It returns a zero if String1 does not occur within String2. Thus, any number other than zero indicates that String2 exists within String1.

The @FIND function is case sensitive; @FIND(BCD,ABCDEF) returns "2" and @FIND(bcd,ABCDEF) returns "Ø". However, @FIND(@UPPER(bcd),ABCDEF) returns "2".

Function and Formula Tutorial

Now let's use these functions to generate a ReportWriter report. I suggest that you work at the computer; it's easier to understand these steps if you perform the operations and study their effects.

Several months ago I described how to use unique customer codes as "keys" to form relationships between data files. Each code consisted of the first three letters of the customer's last name and the first three digits of his or her street address. We added leading zeros to any street address that did not contain three zeros.

This month you will use ReportWriter's text functions to produce these customer codes. You will need the Rolodex file from the ReportWriter disk. Your completed report will look like the example in *Figure 1*.

As you work, you will realize that manipulating strings of text uses a different logic than the logic you use when manipulating numbers. At first the formulas will seem daunting. However, the task will become more manageable as you get some practice.

Figure 1: Customer Number Report

Full Name	Address	Customer Number
Joe Espana	987 Curtz Ave	ESP987
Stan Smithers	99 Alma Ave	SMI099
Joe Christensen	995 Albion Way	CHR995
Chris Stanley	446 Salinas Dr	STA446
Deborah Harrod	8765 Sand Hill Rd	HAR876
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James Bliss	2453 Varidian Dr	BLI245
Michael Chang	3567 Saratoga Ave	CHA356
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Figure 2: ReportWriter Editor Screen

```
File: CustomerNumbers          EDITOR                    Escape: Main Menu
------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Full Name            Address                 Customer Number          H
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********************  **********************                          B


------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Type entry or use ⌘ commands          Row:  6  Col:  1     ⌘-? for Help
```

Follow these steps to generate the report:

1. Add the Rolodex file to the Desktop and invoke ReportWriter from the TimeOut Menu.
2. Select choice #1, Edit a ReportWriter definition, and choice #3, Make a new file. Name your new definition file CustomerNumbers.
3. Build the layout to look like the example in *Figure 2*. The longest name in Rolodex is 19 characters; the longest address is 22 characters. Do not add the field for Customer Number yet.

You must postpone the definition of the Customer Number field because the report must perform several calculations to generate this "number". Since some of the calculations are based on the results of other calculations, the sequence of the calculations becomes important.

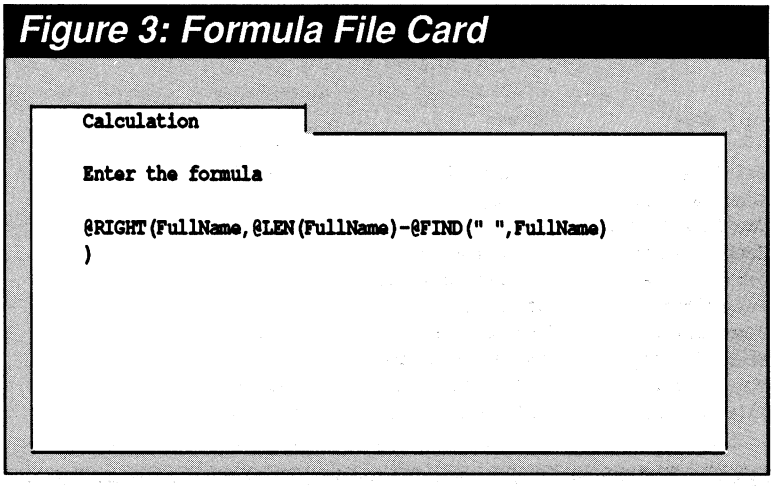
ReportWriter always performs calculations in field number order. That is, it calculates field #1 before field #2, and field #5 before field #9. ReportWriter assigns field numbers sequentially in the order in which you add field markers, not the order in which you define each field. Thus, it becomes important to add the field markers in the order I describe in this tutorial.

4. Follow these steps to define the different fields:
   A. Put the cursor on the field markers below the heading Full Name and enter an Apple-N. Assign the field name "FullName". The source is the Master File called "Rolodex". Use the category "Name" and press the Escape Key to return to the Editor.
   B. Put the cursor on the field markers under the heading Address and define this field with a field name of "Address", with a source of Master File. Use the category "Street".
   C. Set the Heading and Report Body section Position Markers as they appear in *Figure 2*.

Now you will do the necessary calculations.

5. Return to the Editor screen and put the cursor in row 6, column 1 (this is the work area below the body of the report). Use the Control-F keys to mark a new field. You will not print this field, so the length is unimportant. Issue an Apple-N command. Name the field LastName and use Calculation as the source.

Figure 3: Formula File Card



Now you will write a formula that will extract the last name of each customer from the FullName field. The formula will identify the last name by looking for the space between the first and last names.

6. Select Formula from the Define Field Menu and enter the following formula into the Formula file card:

```
@RIGHT(FullName,@LEN(FullName)-@FIND(" ",FullName))
```

Your screen should look like the example in *Figure 3*. (The file card only holds 50 characters on a line, so the 51st character jumps to the second line.)

Reading from the inside out, this formula says, "Find the length of FullName and the number of characters up to and including the space in FullName. Then subtract the number of characters up to and including the space in FullName from the total length of FullName. Finally, capture that many characters from the end of FullName."

For example, imagine that FullName contains "Mickey Mouse". The formula determines that there are seven characters up to and including the space between "Mickey" and "Mouse". It subtracts seven from the total length of the string ("Mickey Mouse" includes 12 characters, counting the space), which yields a result of five. It then takes the five right-hand most characters which consist of "Mouse". Thus, this formula returns "Mouse" for a record that contains "Mickey Mouse" in the FullName field.

7. Press the Escape Key to return to the Define Field Menu. ReportWriter will examine your formula for common errors such as missing parentheses and incorrectly spelled field names and functions. The program displays an "Inconsistent Formula" message if it finds a misspelled entry or a field name it doesn't recognize. If you get an error message, press the Space Bar to clear the message and enter an Apple-U to edit the formula.

8. The Define Field Menu will now show a "+" in the right margin of the formula to indicate that the formula is too long to fit on the display; you must choose "Formula" to see the complete formula.

9. Press the Escape Key to return to the ReportWriter Editor and create a field in the work area to the right of the LastName field. Enter an Apple-N and name this field "Street-Number". Indicate that the field is calculated and enter the formula:

```
@LEFT(Address,@FIND(" ",Address)-1)
```

This formula starts by finding the number of characters up to and including the first space in the Address field. The "-1" tells ReportWriter to compute a value that is one less than that number; this yields the number of characters in the house number. (That is the number of characters to the left of the space.) The formula then uses that number in the formula @LEFT(Address,...) to capture the characters to the left of the space.

The formula finds the full street number and we only want the first three numbers. We must modify the formula as follows:

10. Issue an Apple Up-Arrow to put the cursor at the beginning of the formula. Then use the insert cursor to type "@LEFT(" at the beginning of the formula. Enter an Apple Down-Arrow to move to the end of the formula and type ",3)". The revised formula should look like this:

```
@LEFT(@LEFT(Address,@FIND(" ",Address)-1),3)
```

The outer @LEFT function truncates the string to 3 characters. Study the formula to see how it works.

11. Press the Escape Key twice to return to the Editor and create another field called ZeroNumber. This field will attach leading zeroes to the street

number if the street number is less than three characters long. The strategy will be as follows:

A. Use the @LEN function to determine the length of the street number.

B. Subtract that number from three to determine the number of zeros you need to add to a short number.

C. Use the @LEFT function to select that number of zeros from a set of three zeros.

D. Use the @CONCAT function to put together the number of zeros we need with the street number.

Here is the formula that does the necessary calculations:

```
@CONCAT(@LEFT("ØØØ",3-@LEN(StreetNum)),StreetNum)
```

Lets examine this formula by using an example of a person who lives at 4 Arch Drive. As always, we will start by working with the inner-most parentheses within the formula.

A. The "@LEN(StreetNum)" segment of the formula determines that there is 1 character in the StreetNum field for this record.

B. "3-@LEN(StreetNum)" subtracts 1 from 3 to yield 2. Thus, you need to add 2 zeros before street number.

C. "@LEFT("ØØØ",3-@LEN(StreetNum))" selects the first two zeros in the string ØØØ.

D. "@CONCAT" puts together those two zeros with the number 4 in StreetNum.

The result of this operation is "ØØ4", the first characters we need for the customer number.

12. Press the Escape Key twice to return to the Editor. Now you are ready to use the "computed" string in the ZeroNum field to compute a customer number.

13. Create a six-marker field underneath the heading Customer Number in the report body. Name this field CustomerNumber and use this formula:

```
@CONCAT(@UPPER(@LEFT(LastName,3)),ZeroNum)
```

The inner-most portion of this formula extracts the first three letters of the person's last name from the LastName field. The formula then forces those letters into upper case. Finally, the formula concatenates the three characters from the last name and the street number with any leading zeroes.

14. Enter an Apple-G to generate the report. You should get the results that appear in *Figure 1*.

Think of the time this report can save when you need to create customer numbers for 2,000 customers! In a future article I will describe how to put this list of customer codes directly into an AppleWorks file.

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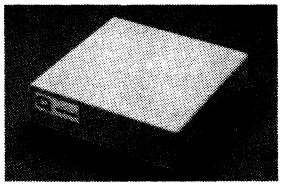

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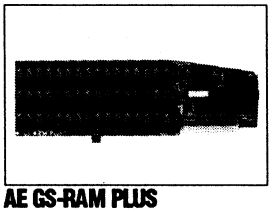

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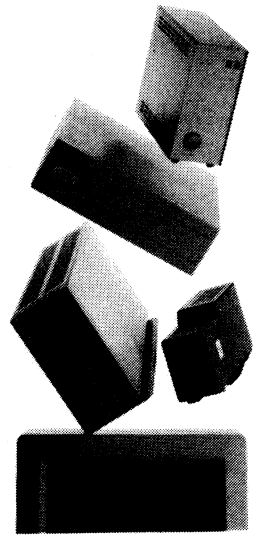

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Enhance the Numeric Keypad

by Keith Johnson

The availability of a numeric keypad on Apple IIGS and late model IIe computers makes it easy to enter data into AppleWorks. Unfortunately, the Apple keypads do not provide all the cursor control and function keys included on larger, special purpose keypads. For example, there is no key that lets you blank the current cell. And pressing the Enter Key does not move the cursor to the next cell.

Doak C. Cox of Honolulu, Hawaii does a significant amount of data entry, so he wrote a macro that makes it easier to use the Apple numeric keypad to enter data. *Figure 1* presents Mr. Cox's macro which changes the functions of the keys he doesn't use during the data entry task to the functions he wants. The macro remaps the function of five keys so they generate a different keystroke and sends all other keystrokes through unaltered.

Interesting Features

There are some interesting programming elements in this macro. For example, once started, the macro continues until the user presses the Escape Key. However, this is not the Escape generally used to stop a macro. This macro looks for the Escape keystroke, then stops itself. If you delete the line `<if x = 27... >` there is no way to stop the macro except by resetting the computer. Obviously, you must be careful when you write macros that accept user input.

The "*" key serves as the Escape Key when the macro is active. For example, pressing the "*" Key with the macro active either clears the current entry or takes you to the Main Menu. If you use the "*" to go to the Main Menu, you can press "*" again and return to the spreadsheet.

This can lead to some confusing situations. For example, if you press the "*" to return to the Main Menu and then press Return, AppleWorks will highlight the second choice on the menu instead of going to the Add Files Menu. Remember that the macro is still active. Since the macro remapped the Return Key to work like the Down Arrow, pressing Return simply moves the highlight to the second choice on the menu. Advanced macro writers can add error-checking routines to the macro to avoid this problem.

UltraMacros 3.x Techniques

UltraMacros 3.x offers an easier way to specify the keys you want to change. For example, UltraMacros 3.x lets you enter `<if x = #'/'...>` instead of `<if x = 47...>`. (The character "/" has the ASCII value of 47.) Either way works, but the second approach is easier to understand after you've been away from the macro for a while. However, you cannot use this method with unprintable characters like the Arrow Keys and the Return Key.

Figure 1: Keypad Remapping Macro

```
start
<ba-K>:<asp :                          { Works only in the spreadsheet environment.          }
msg " Keypad modification active. To deactivate press ESC on main keyboard " :
                                       { Display this message to alert the user.             }
 begin :                               { Start a loop.                                       }
  x = key :                            { Capture the next keystroke.                         }
  if x = 13 then x = 10 : else :       { Return Key becomes Down Arrow.                      }
  if x = 43 then x = 11 : else :       { Plus Key becomes Up Arrow.                          }
  if x = 47 then oa-B rtn : rpt : else : { Divide Key blanks the cell.                       }
  if x = 42 then esc : rpt : else :    { Multiply Key works like Escape.                     }
  if x = 27 then msg "" : stop : endif : { Escape clears the message and stops the macro.    }
 print chr$ x : rpt>!                  { Send the keystroke to AppleWorks and repeat the loop. }
```

New Disks in NAUG's Public Domain Library

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NAUG recently assumed responsibility for distributing the complete collection of Resources for AppleWorks disks. Lee Hayward, founder of Resources for AppleWorks, updated and reorganized the collection of templates and files for NAUG and released the disks to NAUG for distribution.

NAUG has also prepared a four page update to its Public Domain Library Catalog. To get the list of files on the Resources for AppleWorks disks and the Public Domain Library Catalog update, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to Public Domain Update, NAUG, Box 87453, Canton, Michigan 48187.

Church Finances Management

The NAUG Public Domain Library now includes the Church Finances Management System (CFMS). The files on this disk will help you maintain the financial records for a church, synagogue, or other non-profit, contribution-based organization.

CFMS is a complete financial management system that tracks income, expenses, contributions (which can be earmarked for up to 75 designated purposes), member identification, checks, and holding funds. The system does monthly and weekly accounting, budget planning and maintenance, operating expense fund management, finance campaign management, and church payrolls. The system generates reports to members, reconciliation reports, and donation reports. The disks include more than 50 pages of well written documentation.

The Church Finances Management System comes on two 3.5-inch disks and requires AppleWorks 3.0 running on a computer with at least 1-megabyte (and preferably 1.5-megabytes) of RAM and a 3.5-inch or hard disk drive.

The author, Lester Rollins of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, requests a $10 donation if you want telephone help with the system. Our thanks to Mr. Rollins for developing these valuable templates and contributing this work to the NAUG Library.

Two 3.5-inch disks; $12 plus $2 s/h *per order*.

Church Membership

NAUG's Public Domain Library also includes Lester Rollins' Church Membership Disk. Church Membership contains two spreadsheet templates that maintain your church and Sunday School membership and attendance records. The spreadsheets are self-documented and include all the necessary directions.

The files on the Church Membership Disk are compatible with all versions of AppleWorks and require a 100K AppleWorks desktop.

Computer Dictionary

The NAUG Public Domain Library now includes the Computer Dictionary Disk, an AppleWorks 3.0 and TimeOut QuickSpell-compatible custom dictionary that contains more than 1,500 words related to computers and computing. An AppleWorks data base file on the disk makes it easy to edit the list and add words to the dictionary. A text file on the disk is ready to use as a custom dictionary with AppleWorks 3.0 or QuickSpell. A word processor file on the disk contains all the necessary documentation.

DB Master Version Five

DB Master Version Five is a powerful data base manager that supports up to 200 fields per record and up to 250 characters per field. The program lets you work with large data files on a hard disk or on multiple 3.5-inch or 5.25-inch disks. DB Master offers powerful data manipulation and reporting capabilities and was chosen by inCider Magazine as one of the ten best programs of 1988.

DB Master requires an enhanced, 128K Apple IIe, an Apple IIc or IIc Plus, an Apple IIGS, or a Laser 128 computer, and two 5.25-inch disk drives, one 3.5-inch drive, or a ProDOS-compatible hard disk.

DB Master Version Five is shareware; you send the developer $45.00 if you use the program. Stone Edge Technology then sends you the latest version of the program, a full instruction manual, and a special offer for DB Master Professional, the relational data base version of the program. Technical support is available to registered users on a pay-per-call basis or for an annual fee. Prior to the shareware release, DB Master Version Five had a suggested retail price of $179.00.

DB Master Version Five comes on two double-sided 5.25-inch disks ($8) or one 3.5-inch disk ($6) plus $2 s/h per order.

Fonts Disks

William Davis recently updated **NAUG**'s fonts disks; all the fonts are now compatible with AppleWorks GS, BeagleWrite, and all other 16-bit Apple IIGS programs that use standard IIGS fonts. These fonts remain compatible with TimeOut SuperFonts. The font families are unchanged on each disk; a complete list appears in the Fonts Disks section of **NAUG**'s 1990-1991 Public Domain Library Catalog.

GS/OS 5.0.3

The **NAUG** Public Domain Library now includes GS/OS 5.0.3, the latest version of Apple's 16-bit operating system for Apple IIGS computers. GS/OS 5.0.3 includes dozens of bug fixes and internal changes that enhance the system's performance over version 5.0.2. The new system includes ProDOS 8 version 1.9 and BASIC.SYSTEM version 1.4.1. Apple IIGS owners who use GS/OS should update to version 5.0.3.

NAUG also has the 21-page GS/OS 5.0.3 Release Notes. These are Apple's technical notes about the changes to GS/OS. The notes are designed for developers and programmers; most AppleWorks users will not need these notes. The GS/OS 5.0.3 Release Notes cost $5 including s/h ($7.50 for non-members) from **NAUG**. Include your **NAUG** membership number with your order.

Clemsha's TO. Modules

Clemsha's TO. Modules disk includes three TimeOut applications that add useful features to AppleWorks. TO.MOUSE makes it easy to display inverse, mousetext, and underlined text in any word processor document on your screen. A useful table on the disk depicts the relationship between all mousetext and keyboard characters.

TO.TAB converts spaces to tabs and tabs to spaces and makes it easy to insert true tabs in AppleWorks 1.x and 2.x files you import into AppleWorks 3.0. TO.TAB also lets you import data into the AppleWorks spreadsheet module from text files prepared by MS-DOS programs like Lotus 1-2-3. (Lotus 1-2-3 text files contain spaces between columns; TO.TAB converts those spaces into tabs so you can read the files into the AppleWorks spreadsheet.) TO.TAB also helps assembly language programmers use AppleWorks to generate source files.

TO.RS232 is a TimeOut module that sends any word processor document to a serial interface in slot 2. You can use TO.RS232 to transfer files at high speed between computers over direct connect cables or at regular speeds over modems.

Clemsha's TO. Modules requires AppleWorks 3.0 enhanced with TimeOut 3.01. This disk contains TimeOut applications, not macros. You do not need TimeOut UltraMacros to use the files on this disk.

Our thanks to **NAUG** member Barclay Clemsha of San Paolo, Brazil for writing these powerful TimeOut applications and for donating this work to **NAUG**'s Public Domain Library.

Simplified Accounting

NAUG's new Simplified Accounting Disk includes a set of cash receipts and cash disbursement templates prepared by **NAUG** member Irving Tessel. Mr. Tessel developed these data base templates and reports to maintain the financial records for a public service volunteer organization. A short word processing file on the disk describes how to get started. You will need a basic understanding of accounting terminology to use the files on this disk. These templates will fit on any Apple II system and work with any version of AppleWorks.

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The Simplified Accounting Disk also includes a set of automated bookkeeping macros prepared by Dr. Brian McDonnell of Brisbane, Australia. Dr. McDonnell's macros and sample data files were designed to serve as a tutorial on macro-driven bookkeeping. The macros should interest macro writers and anyone who uses macros to automate their AppleWorks bookkeeping system. Requires AppleWorks 3.0 enhanced with UltraMacros 3.1.

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Quick Tip

Data Base Record Selection Rules

by Steve Ellis

Most AppleWorks users realize that the Apple-R command in the program's data base module lets you define a series of powerful selection rules. However, many users don't realize that there is a relationship between rules set in the program's Review/Add/Change mode and those set in the Report Format area.

Here are some guidelines to help you control the record selection process:

1. Record selection rules entered into a Report Format apply only to the specific report containing those rules.
2. Record selection rules created in the Review/Add/Change mode apply to the entire data base file.
3. Record selection rules created in the Review/Add/Change mode automatically apply to all the existing and new reports in that file that do not contain their own record selection rules.
4. Setting the record selection rules to "All" in the Report Format area overrides the record selection rules set in the Review/Add/Change area for that printing of the report. However, when you leave that specific report format, the rules for that report revert back to the rules set with Review/Add/Change.

[Steve Ellis is the AppleWorks SIG leader and Beagle Buddy for the Orange Apple Computer Club in Orange County, California. He is the author of the Mail Merge macro set on the MacroTools II disk.]

We wish our members a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

— From the editors and staff at NAUG

Apple IIGS Hardware and Software

by Nanette Luoma

Each month, the *AppleWorks Forum* lists the member-volunteers who offer technical support for AppleWorks products. This month's list identifies the volunteers who can answer questions about Apple IIGS hardware and software. Next month's issue will contain a list of members who offer help with TimeOut products and other AppleWorks enhancements from Beagle Bros.

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